

Solano wins record 3rd straight 'Big Apple' food fight

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FAIRFIELD — It would appear that Solano County has claimed ownership of the "Big Apple" trophy.

"Nobody has won more than two years in a row, until now," Matthew Davis, a senior analyst for the county administration, told the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday.

The trophy represents the winner of the annual Counties Care Holiday Food Fight.

Solano captured the title with an average employee contribution of \$16.39 for a total 2018 donation to the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano of \$47,151. That brings the county contribution to \$457,232 since the competition with Contra Costa County started in 2004.

Contra Costa employees donated an average of \$10.89 per employee.

Both counties combined have raised \$1.89 million since 2004 for the food bank, which serves 178,000 people each month.

Veteran Services captured the in-county title with an average employee contribution of nearly \$267. That was followed by the administration/First 5 at nearly \$223 and Human Resources at \$148.

In other action, the board:

• Authorized the Department of Health and Social Services to pursue an Intergovernmental Transfer with the state Department of Health Care

Services of up to approximately \$3.5 million in fiscal year 2018-19 covering rate year 2018-19.

- Approved revisions to the General Assistance Minute Order including updates to the grant amount and other regulatory and procedural revisions. The board, however, kept in place a lien procedure on real property that the staff had recommended to drop.
- Approved a \$175,000 contract through June 30, 2022, with Beyond the Arc to continue data analysis for the Centers for Positive Change.
- Approved a \$190,000 contract with the Solano County Office of Education to provide enhanced vocational services to youth under the jurisdiction of the Probation Department through June 30, 2021.
- Authorized the director of the Department of Resource Management to solicit bids, award and execute up to \$7.89 million for various Public Works construction contracts for the 2019 construction season.